



*Utah Department of Corrections*

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# Inmate Medical Access Overview

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# Clinical Service Bureau — Who Are We?

- The Clinical Services Bureau is a division of the Utah Department of Corrections.
- The Bureau consists of approximately 200 staff encompassing medical, dental, optical, mental health, pharmacy, and administrative staff.
- Medical and mental health services see approximately 200 inmates per day, 7 days per week, 52 weeks per year.
- The Clinical Service Bureau provides services for approximately 7,000 inmates housed in the Draper and Gunnison facilities as well as State inmates housed at County Jails.
- In terms of medications, Clinical Services manages approximately 27,000 new prescriptions per month.



# Clinical Service Bureau — Who Are We?

- Medical doctors – 3
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) – 3
- Physician Assistants – 7
- Registered Nurses - 44
- Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) – 20
- Physical Therapist – 1
- Dietician – 1
- Dentists – 6
- Optometrist – 1
- Psychiatrists – 1
- Psychologists – 4
- MH Therapists (LCT & LCSW) – 35
- Recreational Therapists – 2
- Lab Techs – 2
- Pharmacists – 3
- University Medical Center Clinicians
- Clinical & Admin Support Staff



# Clinical Service Bureau — How Do We Function?

- Clinical Services at the prison functions much like a clinic in the community.
- The majority of the care is provided on an outpatient basis.
- The MDs, PAs, and APRNs function as the primary care providers.
- Clinical Services also has an inpatient infirmary for greater medical needs as well as an inpatient mental health facility.
- All care requirements exceeding the capability of CSB is coordinated with UMC via contracted services. This includes tele-medicine services.

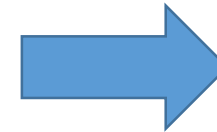
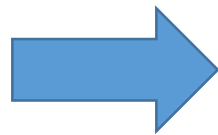


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## How Is Care Accessed?



All new inmates entering the prison receive a healthcare and mental health screening prior to being assigned housing.  
(With follow-up appts. as required)



All appointments may be escalated for emergency conditions involving medical emergencies and mental health crises.



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## How Is Medication Accessed?



- Meet with provider to obtain prescription
- Prescriptions entered into the system
- Medications provided at pill lines in the various housing locations (retained meds)
- Medications provided in KOP (keep on person) format (blister pack)





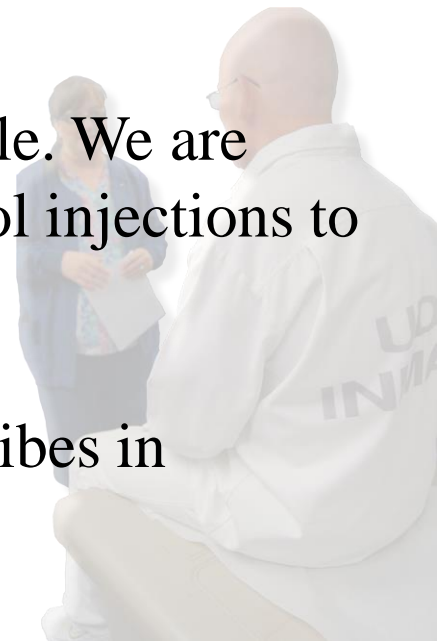
# Costs of Providing Medical Care to Inmates

- Inmates receive care as a constitutional mandate as a result of incarceration
- Healthcare costs (including local and contract services) are paid for via taxpayers through Legislative appropriation
- Inpatient medical claims are covered by Medicaid with the Department of Corrections paying 30% of the total
- Except in indigent circumstances, inmates are required to pay a \$5 co-pay for appointments and \$2 co-pay for medications as required by State statute



# Other Issues Related to Inmate Medical Care

- Clinical Services provides all of the medical and mental health services available in the community either directly or through contract with the University of Utah Medical Center (UMC).
- Clinical Services provides contraception for medical reasons only while incarcerated; however, female inmates can request it when close to release.
- Clinical Services provides safe detox services through UMC when applicable. We are presently participating in a trial with a community partner to provide Vivitrol injections to exiting offenders.
- Clinical Services evaluates all new inmates for medication needs and prescribes in accordance with those clinical decisions.





Questions?

